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Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway project slows down

Welding gas cylinders diverted to be filled with oxygen

Works on Mysuru-Bengaluru 10-lane Economic Corridor project progressing at Thoobinakere Flyover between Srirangapatna and Mandya this morning. [Pic. by Vinay Karekura]

Mysuru, May 22 (Vinay Karekura, RK&BCT)- A huge spike in oxygen requirement for COVID-19 patients both in Mysuru and Bengaluru has resulted in the State Government diverting all industrial gas cylinders — used for welding purposes — to be filled with Liquid Medical Oxygen for human use. This has resulted in slowing down of the ambitious Mysuru-Bengaluru 10-lane Economic Corridor project.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, sources on condition of anonymity said that all the industrial gas cylinders that belonged to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) that is executing the project have been diverted to oxygen supply. These cylinders typically carry carbon dioxide, argon, helium and fuel gases such as acetylene, oxygen, propane, butane, etc. used for welding purposes.

These cylinders are now being filled with oxygen for COVID patients. From Apr. 22, the Centre has prohibited the supply of oxygen for industrial purposes by manufacturers and suppliers in the wake of surge in oxygen demand for COVID-19 patients.

(See CYLINDERS on page 7)

Dog Poisoned... Leopards Die !

Three leopards found dead after eating dead dog

Mysuru, May 22 (MTY&BCT)- The intention of killing a dog by poisoning resulted in the tragic death of three leopards — a mother, a male and a female cub — at Belavadi village this morning. Ironically, it is World Biodiversity Day today (May 22), observed to increase understanding and awareness about biodiversity issues.

The leopard mother aged about 4 - 5 years and her cubs aged 8 - 10 months were found dead by some villagers early this morning in the coconut and mango plantation of one Nanjunda at Belavadi. A plastic packet of poison-laced food and a carcass of a half-eaten dog were found nearby.

The dog's carcass had turned bluish giving credence to the theory that it has been poisoned. The leopards died after eating the dead dog and one of the feline had blood stains in its mouth.

It is suspected that out of neighbourhood enmity, some villagers wanted to kill the dog but this inhuman act led to the tragic death of the leopards. The cubs were in a position to eat meat and would have lived separately from its mother in another two months.

The Forest Department officials have as of now registered a suspicious death case and a solid case under the provision of Wildlife Act would be registered after post-mortem reports come. The post-mortem is being conducted by Dr. Rajashekar, a veterinarian at Yelwal and Dr. Praveen of Mysuru Zoo.

(See LEOPARDS on page 7)

Doctors performing post-mortem of the leopards that were found dead at Belavadi village on the outskirts of city this morning.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 22nd May 2021

JSS College for Women secures rank in survey

Mysuru, May 22- JSS College for Women (Autonomous), Saraswathipuram, has secured 3rd Rank at State-level and 21st Rank at National-level amongst Private Autonomous Colleges being awarded by Education World Magazine as published in its May 2021 Edition.

The magazine had conducted independent survey of 3,956 respondents (1,823 academics and 2,133 final year students) in 21 States and the results were analysed by assigning marks under 6 categories — competence of faculty (200), faculty welfare and development (100), curriculum and pedagogy (100), placements (100), infrastructure and facilities (100) and leadership/ governance quality (100). Our college has scored 515 marks against maximum 700.

The College has improved the national ranking from 26 (2020-21) to 21 (2021-22) while retaining 3rd place at State-level.

The College acknowledges well-motivated students, parents and other stakeholders for this laurel besides the blessings of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and guidance of all officers at JSS Mahavidyapeetha, according to a press release from Dr. K.V. Suresha, Principal.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

In ordinary times, we expect death to visit us and our loved ones largely in the fullness of life. We suppose there is a natural order to life and death, with death expected to come when it does for the most infirm of the lot, giving the people lots of time before coming again for another person. We hope children outlive their elders, we trust there is time, that there's a future. If we knew how little time we have, how much would we imagine and plan for our lifetime, and what would we prioritise? If we were told we had exactly 10 years, what would we do? How about 10 days? And, to cut it really fine, how about 10 minutes?

If it was just 10 minutes, none of that might matter. We might just want to make those two or three phones calls to our most beloved, tell them we love them and maybe call someone we wronged to fess up and ask for forgiveness, maybe do one last act of grace and try to let go of fear, as we face the great ever after with as much courage as we can muster. Chances are, the lesser time we know we have, the more we might just want to connect with loved ones and when it really is hardly any time at all, maybe it is the only thing that matters other than the fear of the imminent death itself.

Nothing clarifies one's love as much as the idea of losing it or ourselves. Whether it is COVID or something else, the fear of death quite likely also brings clarity on what and who one loves, and that wish to be connected in love overrides almost everything else. Do we really need the reminder of mortality to get such clarity? How would life be if we could remember that love matters at all times? Can you imagine such a life? In all the gloom and doom of the pandemic, is this possible?

— *Mahesh Natarajan in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Hundreds view corpse flower bloom

California: Hundreds of people lined up outside an abandoned gas station in California for the chance to get up close and personal with a rare plant known as a Corpse Flower.

The Corpse Flower, scientifically known as Amorphophallus Titanum, belongs to gardener Solomon Leyva, who brought his plant to the old Art Deco gas station in Alameda to share it with the community. The plant, which only blooms once every several years, is known as the corpse flower due to the pungent odor it releases while blooming.

Leyva said he wanted the community to have the chance to get up close and personal with the plant, which normally can only be seen blooming at facilities where the public is kept separated from the plants by barriers. Leyva estimated at least 1,400 people had lined up to see the plant.

Artist carves 212-link chain from pencil lead

Wayanad: An Indian man who picked up miniature carving as a hobby five years ago broke a Guinness World Record recently, when he carved pencil lead into a chain with 212 links.

M. Manoj, an Assistant Professor at Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, carved the 17.7-inch chain of freely movable links from an Artline Black Beauty pencil using surgical blades.

Manoj received word this week that his chain broke the Guinness record set by Taiwan man Lee Chien Chu, who carved 168 links from a graphite pencil.

He said that he worked for about four hours a day for a month to complete his chain. He said he would not mind if someone else breaks his record.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Tomatoes can reduce the risk of blood clotting. This popular vegetable helps in keeping breast cancer at bay and protects the skin from sunburns. It can be used as a regular ingredient in dishes such as soups, rasam and vegetable curry.

By Kavya J. - Department of Nutrition & Dietetics

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The best sources of Prebiotics to advance gut health are: Apples, asparagus, Jerusalem artichokes, leeks, onions and tiger nuts.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAY 20	MAY 21
Day's Positive Cases	1,879	2,355
Total Positive Cases	1,19,632	1,21,987
Day's Discharges	2,489	2,991
Total Discharges	1,04,943	1,07,934
Day's Deaths	16	12
Total Deaths	1,453	1,465
Total Active Cases	13,236	12,588

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Appointed as member of Consortium for Educational Communication

Mysuru, May 22- University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor **Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar** has been appointed as a Member of the Administrative Board of New Delhi-based Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC).

The CEC is an Inter-University Accelerator Centre and is one of the largest repositories of digitalised educational content in the country. The CEC, set up by the UGC (University Grants Commission) in 1993, is one of the Inter-University Centres which has been established with the goal of addressing the needs of higher education through the use of powerful medium of Television along with appropriate use of emerging Information Communication Technology (ICT).

REALLY...?

- *The word sofa originated from the Arabic word suffah, meaning bench. The word itself also dates back to 2000 BC Egypt.*
- *There are 17 known types of sofa, and all of them are made for comfort.*
- *An average sofa can host up to 782 visitors over its lifespan. Imagine how many bums that an average sofa can tolerate!*
- *A family dinner can also happen on a sofa. It seats families and residents for 13 TV dinners per month, and homeowners would watch 1,271 soap operas and 782 films together while snuggling up on a sofa.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A man came home one day and said to his wife: *"Honey, what would you do if I said I'd won the lottery?"*

She sneered: *"I'd take half and then leave you."*

"Excellent," he replied. *"I hit 3 numbers and won $10. Here's $5, pack your bags and get out!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.91
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.19
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.85
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.82

VOICE OF THE READER

Duration of RT-PCR testing: Clarity needed

Sir,

Apropos the letter in *SOM* dated May 17 by Dr. P.V. Ravindra, I wish to understand from those concerned regarding the humongous volume of testing for COVID-19 being carried out throughout the nation.

After testing negative by this test once by any person, for how long duration is the negative test result to be taken for granted? If such a person gets infected after testing, but remains asymptomatic and hence does not get tested again for a long time, how is the control on spreading achieved?

For international travel, it was mandatory to get negative report of testing not earlier than 72 hours before arrival at the destination to pass through immigration without a testing on arrival and consequent procedures. Does it then mean that the negative report stays good only for 72 hours?

Added to the above issue is the efficacy of RT-PCR test being at about 70%. This means 30% of test results could be wrong. A person testing false negative, that is, he / she may be infected but not detected by the test, may be left roaming asymptomatic thus spreading the virus, if distancing is not observed.

Should the Government fix up a frequency of re-testing for everyone so as to have a good control on the disease? At present it is daunting to test everyone even once and compulsory testing of everyone is not even legal but only voluntary. In such a situation what are the alternatives to ensure better control on the spreading of the disease?

— Prof. B.S. Shankara (retd.)
Ramakrishnanagar
19.5.2021

Continue online classes for UG courses: Minister

Bengaluru, May 22 (SSV)- The Universities and Colleges must continue online classes for all even semesters of UG programmes. Commencement of offline classes will be reviewed once the COVID situation eases, noted Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan.

Even those Universities and Colleges which have not completed odd semester exams of UG programmes must continue online classes for even semesters (2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th) as carryover system exists in most of the programmes. The remaining exams of odd semesters of UG programmes can be conducted/ scheduled once the pandemic situation comes under control, he told media yesterday.

In cases where there are some restrictions on carryover to higher semesters, may be in Engineering and professional courses, the Vice-Chancellors/ Principals must work out details in consultation with Karnataka State Higher Education Council.

On Post-Graduate programmes, the Minister said, "Admission processes for the first semesters were delayed in some Universities due to COVID situation. But the third-semester classes have been completed in many of the Universities. In some Universities, examinations had started. Therefore, in respect of PG programmes, in Universities where classes of the odd semester are completed and only examinations are pending, they must continue online classes for even semesters. The examinations of odd semesters can be conducted/ scheduled once the situation becomes normal."

In Universities where odd semester classes are not completed, Dr. Ashwathnarayan said, they should continue the classes through online mode. After the odd semester classes are completed, if the COVID situation still persists making it difficult to conduct examinations, they must start online classes for even semesters, immediately after the completion of odd semester classes. Examination of odd semester classes can be conducted/ scheduled once Corona cases come down.

"As and when things develop, the situation will be reviewed in consultation with the Vice-Chancellors and the Karnataka State Higher Education Council to rework guidelines and schedules for implementation in all the Colleges and Universities," he said.

COVID lockdown extended till June 7

CM Yediyurappa

Bengaluru, May 22 (UNI & Agencies)- In the wake of COVID-19 continuing to spread and claim lives, particularly in rural areas, the State Government has extended the lockdown by two more weeks, till June 7. Karnataka is currently under complete lockdown till May 24.

Speaking to reporters last evening, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa said, "We had strict restrictions till May 24. As per the opinion of experts, we are extending the strict restrictions till 7th June at 6 am." He announced his decision after holding discussions with senior officials and Ministers of the State. "In view of public health and suggestions of the experts, the restrictions have been extended, and we expect people's co-operation," the CM said.

All essential goods and services, such as food, medicines, milk, fruits and vegetables, will be available for four hours from 6 am to 10 am. However, this time the Government has lifted restrictions on inter-State and intra-State movement of people.

As many people have been found moving on the roads unnecessarily even after the 10 am deadline, the CM said the Police have been told to enforce the rules strictly and take action against violators. The Police will seize vehicles of those indulging in unnecessary movement after 10 am. Yediyurappa appealed to the public to start returning home by 9.45 am. Noting that the number of COVID cases had started declining because of the lockdown in the past three weeks, the CM urged people to cooperate with the Government and the Police for effective implementation of restrictions.

The State Government first imposed lockdown from Apr. 27 to May 12. It was then extended to May 24. After extensive discussions with the DCs and senior Ministers this week, the Chief Minister announced the third phase of the lockdown.

What is not allowed?

- ☑ Metro Rail, taxi & bus services (except while hired for emergency)
- ☑ Schools and Colleges (Online/ distance learning is permitted)
- ☑ Cinemas, shopping malls, stadiums and swimming pools
- ☑ Social, political, sports, entertainment, cultural, religious functions and other gatherings and congregations
- ☑ Religious places will remain closed for the public
- ☑ No movement of public or private buses or passenger vehicles
- ☑ Hotels, restaurants, liquor shops and hospitality services can only act as takeaway and home delivery (home delivery allowed)
- ☑ Inter-State and intra-State movement of passenger vehicles allowed in cases of emergencies or as permitted

What is allowed?

- ☑ **Flights & trains:** Tickets will act as a pass for movement of person.
- ☑ Karnataka Govt. Offices; Departments dealing with Health
- ☑ ATM; Municipal Administration; District Administration
- ☑ Medical Education; Police, Civil Defence, Defence, Fire and Emergency Services; Water, Electricity and Sanitation
- ☑ Government of India offices such as Defence, Defence PSUs, Armed Police Forces
- ☑ Petroleum, CNG, LPG, PNG, Power Generation and Disaster Management; Banks, RBI regulated financial markets
- ☑ Microfinance institutions
- ☑ The Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme
- ☑ Homes for children, disabled, mentally challenged, senior citizens, destitute and women
- ☑ Agriculture activities, supply chain of essential goods
- ☑ Movement of all types of goods and cargo
- ☑ Manufacturing wholesale, retail, large brick and mortar stores or e-commerce companies
- ☑ Groceries shops will open from 6 am to 10 am
- ☑ Fruits, vegetables, dairy shops and milk booths (6 am to 10 am)
- ☑ Meat and fish and animal fodder (all from 6 am to 10 am)
- ☑ All food processing and related industries
- ☑ Construction activities and repair work; Road works
- ☑ Print and electronic media
- ☑ Construction activities with in-situ labourers/ workers
- ☑ Marriages (only with 50 persons in attendance)
- ☑ Cremations or funerals (only with five persons in attendance)

UoM employees to donate one day salary for COVID Care

Rs. 50 lakh to be handed over to District Administration

Mysuru, May 22- The employees of the University of Mysore (UoM) have come forward to donate their one day salary for the treatment of COVID-19 victims.

At an online meeting held under the Presidentship of UoM Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri here, both teaching and non-teaching staff gave their consent for the proposal of donating a day's salary to the District Administration towards the medical services provided for the pandemic victims.

Last year too the University staff had donated their one day salary towards Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

Now with the second wave creating havoc, the VC proposed about the donation at the virtual meeting which was attended by the Chairmen and Directors of all the Departments of Post-Graduation and Degree College Principals.

There are a total of 1,400 employees in the University including officers, teaching and non-teaching staff.

Altogether, one day salary of the UoM staff amounts to Rs. 50 lakh, which will be donated towards District Administration Disaster Management Fund in the presence of the District Minister, informed the VC.

Online classes from May 25

The virtual meeting also decided to commence online classes for the second semester PG courses from May 25, said Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa.

First semester exams have been postponed. However, it has been directed to commence second semester classes online from May 25, he said adding that similarly, it has been instructed to all 230 Colleges affiliated to the University to commence online classes for second, fourth and sixth semesters of the Degree courses too.

NEWS BRIEFS

Various IT Returns due date extended

The Central Board of Direct Taxes, in its circular dated 20th May 2021, has extended the due date for filing various returns under Income-Tax Act as below: Filing of IT Return for FY 2019-20 (with late fee) extended till 31.5.2021; TDS return filing for Quarter 4 of FY 2020-21 till 30.6.2021; Form 16 PART-A & PART-B for TDS on salary of FY 2020-21 till 15.7.2021; Form 16A for TDS on other than salary for Quarter 4 of FY 2020-21 till 15.7.2021; Income Tax Return filing for FY 2020-21 (AY 2021-22) till 30.9.2021; TDS/TCS Book Adjustment statement in FORM 24G by Treasuries for May 2021 Month till 30.6.2021. For detailed information reference may be made to the relevant circular No. 9 of 2021 dated 20.5.2021, according to N.D. Shreenivaas of Bhavani Associates, Mysuru.

Animal adoption

The following individuals and institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the Adoption Fee: Shalini, Mysuru - Indian Cobra (Rs. 2,000); B.S. Srinivas, Mysuru - Mandarin Duck (Rs. 2,000); Kamala, Dr. M. Shankar, Mysuru - Great Indian Hornbill (Rs. 5,000); Nikhil (Nagesh), Mysuru - Four horned Antelope (Rs. 5,000); S. Jeevan Kumar, Mysuru - King Cobra (Rs. 3,500); Dhanamma S. Hiremath, Bengaluru - King Cobra (Rs. 3,500); Dhuvan Karthik Prasanna, Mysuru - Common Peafowl (Rs. 3,500); Sanjana Krishnananda, Mysuru - King Cobra (Rs. 3,500); L. Jyothi, Mysuru - Great Indian Hornbill (Rs. 5,000); K.P. Prakruthi, Bengaluru - Goffin, Cockatoo (Rs. 5,000); Kanti RPS Memorial Trust - Common Langur (Rs. 10,000); Sheetal Patil, Maharashtra - Love Bird (Rs.1,000), according to a press release Zoo Executive Director.

WATER LEVEL

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2263.97	feet
Inflow	:	1,303	cusecs
Outflow	:	725	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Yesterday	:	2,821.98	feet
Inflow	:	193	cusecs
Outflow	:	80	cusecs

Admit asymptomatic patients to COVID Care Centres

• District-in-Charge Secretary holds review meeting

Mysuru, May 22 (SSV)- Mysuru District-in-Charge Secretary and Zilla Panchayat Administrative Officer N. Jayaram has opined that it was better to admit asymptomatic Corona positive patients to COVID Care Centres in order to check the growth of COVID-19 pandemic in the district.

Addressing a review meeting of District Officers at Zilla Panchayat auditorium here yesterday, he said if home isolated patients in rural areas flout COVID guidelines there was every possibility of spreading this contagion to neighbours. So, such patients must be convinced to get admitted into nearby COVID Care Centre. But in urban areas, if some positive patients do not have basic facilities at home even they should be shifted to COVID Care Centre.

Jayaram said COVID Mitra was a good concept and it has been helpful to provide treatment at initial stage to prevent the situation going out of control.

The IAS Officer later visited COVID Mitras Centres at Beedi Workers Hospital, Varakodu Morarji Desai Residential School, Keelanapura PHC and Siddaramanahundi PHC.

District in-Charge Secretary N. Jayaram holding a meeting with Mysuru District Officers at ZP auditorium in city yesterday. Picture below shows Jayaram interacting with MLA Tanveer Sait and others at Beedi Hospital.

The District in-Charge Secretary was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy, ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, Deputy Secretary Premkumar, MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, District Surgeon Dr. Rajeshwari, DHO Dr. T. Amarnath, District Urban Development Cell Planning Director Arshad Sharief and others.

Old and ailing destitutes left to the mercy of God

Mysuru, May 22 (MK&SSV)- With no shelter for the aged and ailing senior citizens, the premises of century-old Krishna Rajendra (K.R.) Hospital, popularly known as 'Doddaspathre' in this part of Karnataka, has become a place to live and die.

It is a common scene to spot the aged people sleeping on the ground near various buildings inside the hospital premises. While patients inside the wards have doctors to look after, these destitutes have no caretakers and left to fend themselves. They eat only if some donors distribute food or else they sleep empty stomach gazing at the sky. The treatment of these unfortunate citizens have been stopped due to spike in Corona positive cases.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. Nanjundaswamy, Medical Superintendent, K.R. Hospital, said: "These people come to hospital premises hoping that someone might provide food to them. Despite telling them not to enter the hospital premises, they manage to come inside and sleep here. They should be shifted to Destitute Homes. It is the job of Police Department."

When approached Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officers to provide shelter for these aged destitutes at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry where the Corporation has facilitated for the stay of homeless people, they said that bed-ridden/ aged destitutes cannot be shifted here as there are no staff to take personal care of such people. Care-required destitutes should be shifted to shelter homes coming under Social Welfare Department or Women & Child Development Department as there staff will be available as care takers.

Reacting to this, Malathi, Joint Director, Social Welfare Department, said that the destitute home run by her Department will look after only beggars and healthy persons, but not old and infirm people who require constant medical treatment.

Attempts were made to reach out to the Officer of Department of Women and Child Development but the officer remained incommunicado.

Unfortunately, there is no separate home for destitute to take care of old and ailing citizens. With none to take care, they were left to the mercy of God. That was the reason why a majority of unclaimed dead bodies are found in Devaraja Police Station limits.

Old man dies

An old man was found dead in front of COVID ward in K.R. Hospital premises on Wednesday due to alleged starvation. It was said that the unidentified man had a deep wound on his leg but didn't find a bed. So, with pain and lack of food, that person might have died, said a Policeman attached to Devaraja Police Station where an UDR case has been registered. The body has been kept in the morgue for identification. Kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Ph: 0821-2418306.

'Namma Jayanagar Aspatre' bags two National Awards

Mysuru, May 22 (RKB&SSV)- 'Namma Jayanagar' Hospital has hogged limelight by bagging two National Awards in two categories and has brought laurels to city.

This Urban Community Health Centre (UCHC) has bagged National Facilitation Kayakalp Award instituted by Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, for the year 2019-20, in recognition of its services to citizens in UCHC category.

The award carries a cash reward of Rs. 25 lakh and it was presented through a virtual function by Union Health Minister Dr. Harsha Vardhan, recently.

Out of Rs. 25 lakh, 25 percent of the prize money will be distributed as incentive for the whole staff of the UCHC concerned. The remaining 75 percent will be utilised in development of the centre.

As many as 2,816 Government Hospitals including District Hospitals, Taluk Hospitals, UCHC, UPHC, had participated in this, out of which only 1,467 were found eligible and out of that it 837 were qualified for external audit.

Among 28 UCHCs in the State, Jayanagar Centre got 98.5 marks and bagged the first prize, said Dr. T. Raghukumar, Medical Officer, Jayanagar UCHC.

This 30-bed hospital treats 8,000 patients who included pregnant women, children, kidney patients and people with high Blood Pressure and dental problems. This centre has vaccinated 73,782 citizens in the last five months and conducted around 40,000 RT-PCR test.

UNIDO Award

The Jayanagar UCHC has also bagged United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) for adopting Bio-Medical Waste Management. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 10,000.

"Efforts of all staff, including

previous doctors Dr. S.P. Tejeshkumar and Dr. Veena, Office Superintendent M.P. Shanta and Nurses, are eminent in our hospital getting National Awards."

—Dr. T. Raghukumar, Medical Officer, Jayanagar UCHC

"I am very happy that our

Jayanagar UCHC has bagged National Award. It is a matter of pride for Jayanagar Layout and whole of Krishnaraja constituency. This UCHC is on par with private hospital in regard to cleanliness and facilities. All kind of medical advice and treatment is provided here. Hence, the hospital deserved the award."

—S.N. Ramaprasad, a local resident

"I am seeing this hospital

for the last so many years. The staff here are very courteous and helping. The credit also goes to the incumbent KR MLA S.A. Ramdas and his predecessor M.K. Somashekar for taking interest in getting grants for the development of the centre."

—M. Ramegowda, local leader

"I was born and brought up

in Jayanagar. Facilities at this centre is as good as any private hospital. There are efforts of doctors, including Dr. Anita and Dr. T. Raghukumar and staff in it. Delivery cases come here from Hubballi-Dharwad, Bagalkote and other north Karnataka districts. It is a matter of pride for Mysuru in general and Jayanagar area in particular."

—N. Arun Kumar, President, Jayanagar Sri Rama Mandira Samiti

MLA recalls how the hospital was registered for just Re. 1

Jayanagar Hospital staff feted

Mysuru, May 22 (RKB& SSV)- Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas felicitated the staff of Jayanagar Urban Community Health Centre (UCHC) which has bagged two national awards, in recognition of its services to the community.

Ramdas, who is also the President of Aarogya Raksha Samithi, felicitated Dr. T. Raghukumar, Dr. S.T. Tejeshkumar, Dr. B.S. Veena, Dr. Jayamala and Dr. M.G. Shivaprasad, here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that at a time when people neglect Government Hospitals, this UCHC has become a favourite hospital for thousands of people for its cleanliness, hygiene and services. The credit also goes to Group D employees and house keeping staff who have kept this hospital neat and clean always.

Ramdas shared an interesting story behind opening of this hospital in Jayanagar. "When I was elected MLA for the first time, I came to know that a doctor from America wanted to build a hospital on this piece of land and it came up before the meeting of MUDA. At that time, I wanted to have the Government Hospital there for the benefit of local people. I took up this proposal to the then Chief Minister and also Health Minister Dr. A.B. Malaka Reddy. The project was okayed but the MUDA demanded the market price of Rs. 2 crore. But the Health Department at that point of time didn't have that much of funds. So, I paid Re. 1 as token advance to the MUDA and got this land transferred to Health Department to open the hospital. In fact, no hospital in the State has been established with just Re. 1. Dr. Raghukumar has been working relentlessly for the last five years in development of this centre. I want to make this as a model UCHC in the whole country," he noted.

Aarogya Raksha Samithi Members Shobha, Sujatha Ramprasad, Shanthaveerappa, Manjunath and Puneet were present.

Agarwal Samaj donates two OxyBuses

ITC Company too donates an ICU-fitted ambulance

Mysuru, May 22 (MTY&DM)- In a novel initiative, Agarwal Samaj, Mysuru, donated two OxyBuses to the District Administration at the MCC office here this morning. The Agarwal Samaj, Mysuru, led by S.K. Mittal, has made the donation with support from Greenwood High International School, Bengaluru, whose buses are converted as OxyBuses, also called as Oxygen-on-Wheels.

Speaking after handing over Samaj-donated buses to MCC, MP Pratap Simha said that the two buses are fitted with three jumbo Oxygen cylinders and each bus can cater to the Oxygen needs of 12 patients whose Oxygen saturation level has dipped below the normal mark.

Lauding the Samaj's President S.K. Mittal for the donation, he said that the buses will be of great help in addressing the immediate Oxygen needs of deficient home-isolated patients, before they are admitted to hospitals for advanced treatment.

ITC Limited (earlier India Tobacco Company Ltd.) too donated an ICU-fitted ambulance to the MCC on the occasion.

MLA L. Nagendra, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, Dy. Mayor Anwar Baig, MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, Statistical Officer Anil Christie, S.K. Mittal and others were present.

Expresses concern over rising cases in rural areas

Expressing concerns over rising COVID positive cases and fatalities in rural parts of the district, Simha said that 60-70 people have lost their lives due to the pandemic in every taluk of the district in recent days in the second wave of attack of the deadly pandemic, which is alarming.

Attributing the high rate of positivity and fatalities in rural areas to the negligence of Doctors in rural areas who are prescribing improper medicines, Simha said that the apathetic attitude of officials in visiting rural and interior parts of the district too is equally responsible for this.

Lauding the work of MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag in tackling the deadly virus in city limits, Simha bemoaned that the DC, DHO, ZP CEO and other district level officials had just limited their work to holding virtual meetings.

Expressing disappointment over lack of field work by the District Administration at taluk level, the MP urged top officials to do more field work for checking the rapid spread of the virus in rural and interior parts. He also urged the officials to make regular visits to COVID Care Centres and hospitals at all taluks to check the measures taken.

KSRTC buses being installed with Oxygen beds

Mysuru, May 22 (MTY&DM)- The works on converting three KSRTC buses into OxyBuses in the first phase is going on at a brisk pace at Bannimantap Bus Depot.

Joining the battle in the fight against the pandemic, KSRTC, Mysuru Division, had a couple of days ago announced that three of its buses will be converted as OxyBuses, meant for deployment at COVID Mitra centres and other specified medical facilities in city. Now, KSRTC has expedited the works, with most of the 20 to 28 seats fitted with Oxygen Concentrators and the rest with jumbo Oxygen cylinders. While fitting the Oxygen equipment, the authorities have taken care that there is enough manoeuvrability for patients once they get seated in the bus for getting their Oxygen. The KSRTC authorities are using Oxygen Concentrators that were donated by TVS Company to the District Minister last week.

Yesterday, DC Rohini Sindhuri inspected one of the buses that was brought to her office. The KSRTC authorities explained her on the conversion process and the Oxygen equipment that are fitted or installed. The DC was also apprised on the seating arrangements made for patients, with each bus having 20 to 28 seats, with enough space for patient manoeuvrability. The District Administration has planned to deploy these buses fitted with Oxygen Concentrators, at all COVID Mitra centres both in city and taluks in phases for meeting emergency Oxygen requirements of patients.

Vaccination for MCC staff begins

- **Burial grounds and crematoria workers take jab**
- **Next in line for Corporators, members of COVID Ward Task Force panels**

Mysuru, May 22 (PM& SSV)- Vaccination for the staff of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), who included workers of burial grounds and crematoria, and those exposed to COVID-19 pandemic, and fall in thè category of frontline workers as per the State Government guidelines, began this morning.

A special vaccination site was opened at Rotary Ideal Jawa School premises on JLB Road to vaccinate them.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag supervised this vaccination drive for the people in the age group of 18 to 44 years. Apoorva, a COVID Telecare Centre volunteer, took the first jab.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner said around 60-80 volunteers work in the MCC COVID Telecare Centre and all of them need to be vaccinated. After that, all Corporators, members of COVID Ward Task Force Committee and ASHA workers will be given vaccination. That category will be followed by others like those who have joined the MCC on contract basis.

Meanwhile, Dr. L. Ravi, Reproduction and Child Health Officer and Nodal Officer for COVID-19 vaccination in Government Hospitals, told *SOM* that Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri has given permission to vaccinate the MCC staff members including burial grounds and crematoria workers and persons who handle COVID patients dead bodies today.

"We will go by her orders as she has been made in-charge of vaccination of frontline workers by the State Government," he said.

Meanwhile, Department of Physically Challenged and Mentally Challenged, and Department of Prisons have to give the list of beneficiaries and identify work sites. As per Government of India guidelines, the vaccination for people in the age group of 18 to 44 years must be held in different sites and not along with regular vaccination sites for people above 45 years of age.

It is learnt that the DC was yet to appoint Nodal Officers for various Departments to do micro-planning for vaccinating them at their choice of work site. Details of these beneficiaries need to be uploaded in a separate workplace registration and vaccinate them with the vaccine procured and supplied by the State Government.

Stocks arrive

Meanwhile, the State Government has sent 6,700 plus doses of vaccine to Mysuru District as around 3,000 doses were pending in various PHCs, Taluk Health Hospitals. Both put together, the district has exactly 10,000 doses to be vaccinated among 22 specified categories of frontline workers. Only after completion of this category, other priority groups will be vaccinated, said an officer who preferred anonymity.

Temporarily suspended

In an addendum, the State Government has temporarily suspended vaccination of immediate family members of health workers keeping in view the huge volume. According to an estimate, there are around 1.5 lakh to 2 lakh who come under this category. In State, this number may run into several lakhs and it will become difficult to arrange vaccine for them.

Welding gas cylinders

diverted to be filled with oxygen

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The decision was taken considering the recommendation of inter-ministerial Empowered Group (EG-II) mandated by Government to manage requisite supplies of medical equipment, drugs including medical oxygen across the country.

This has severely hampered as the workers involved in the project cannot weld required iron – a critical aspect to complete the project. Over 64 percent of the works of Mysuru-Bengaluru Economic Corridor project in Nidaghatta to Mysuru stretch and 77 percent of Bengaluru to Nidaghatta stretch have been completed till date.

The project is estimated at Rs. 7,400 crore and works are underway in two packages — Bengaluru to Nidaghatta in Maddur taluk at the cost of Rs. 2,190 crore and Nidaghatta to Mysuru at the cost of Rs. 2,283 crore.

Cauvery pipeline works

"There are many industrial gas filling depots along this Highway and all are sitting idle as cylinders have been taken away," sources said. Another hurdle faced by the NHAI is the Cauvery water pipeline works from Srirangapatna to Bengaluru.

"The Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWS&DB) has to do the works of shifting parts of the underground water line to facilitate the work. But citing COVID and many other reasons, the KUWS&DB is delaying the works. We cannot complete the work till the water line works are completed," the source added.

However, the work on Nidaghatta to Mysuru stretch is progressing well, claimed G. Bhanu Prakash, Liaison Officer of the project representing Bhopal-based Dilip Buildcon that is implementing the project. "We have completed 64 percent so far and are way ahead of the deadline. We have time of project closure till December 2022 and we will be ready with the project by March 2022," he said, without commenting on the Bengaluru to Nidaghatta stretch.

The scope of the work also includes construction of nine major bridges, 44 minor bridges and four Road Over Bridges. "All works are progressing smoothly and the COVID pandemic has not affected the works. We have taken all precautions and all the workers are in-station workers and there are no outsiders," he said.

COVID-appropriate behaviour, sensitisation and wearing of masks have been made mandatory to all workers starting from the person who lays the jelly stones, engine driver to the engineers and supervisors of the project. "We have created facilities for quarantine and oxygen supply here and here is a doctor to check health of the workers. The project is progressing well," Bhanu Prakash added.

Strict enforcement of COVID lockdown rules by City Cops

Mysuru, May 22 (RK&SSV)- Following directions from the State Government, the Mysuru City Police have resorted to strict enforcement of lockdown rules to prevent people from unnecessarily wandering on streets.

On Friday, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had announced extension of general lockdown till 6 am on June 7, 2021. It was supposed to end at 6 am on May 24.

The lockdown has been extended as the Corona positive cases and deaths have not reduced in many districts including Bengaluru Urban.

On Thursday, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai issued directions to the Police Department to take steps for strict enforcement of rules across the State due to complaints of people moving in vehicles on empty roads aimlessly. Such persons should be booked and vehicles should be seized, he said.

Close on the heels of this, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has asked all his subordinate officers to be present on roads in their respective jurisdiction to check people's movement on vehicles after the lockdown relaxation time of 6 am to 10 am. Accordingly, all ACPs, Police Inspectors of both Civil and Traffic descended on streets at 9.30 am to ensure closure of all shops and business establishments at 10 am sharp.

The metal barricades were placed at important places like K.R.Circle, Sanskrit Patashala, Agrahara, Ramaswamy Circle, Dasappa Circle, Sub-Urban Bus Stand, Railway Station Circle, Nehru Circle, Five Lights Circle, Highway and Government Ayurveda Circle to check the movement of vehicles.

The cops stopped two-wheelers and four-wheelers near the metal barricades and allowed only those with genuine reasons — Government employees, doctors, medical staff, diagnostic centre employees, food delivery boys, medical equipment and medicine suppliers, attendants of patients admitted to Hospitals and those taking vaccine in hospitals — and others were sent back.

The senior cops were patrolling the streets and also checking vehicles moving on roads unnecessarily. The goods vehicles were plying without any restrictions. The Government has allowed Nandini milk booths and HOPCOMS to open from 6 am to 6 pm. Pushcarts are allowed to sell fruits and vegetables but not in one place. The strict enforcement has curtailed the movement of other vehicles by at least 80 to 90 percent.

Dog Poisoned... Leopards Die !

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The photos showing the carcasses of leopards were widely circulated in the social media and many people presumed the leopards to be the same that were found near the BEML campus on the night of May 19. But Forest Department dismissed this as the mother and small three leopard cubs that were found in BEML campus were still in lactating state and are not in a position to eat meat.

The Police team that arrived on the spot pressed dog squad into service and it led the teams to a couple of houses based on the scent caught from the plastic packet in which poison-laced food was placed to feed the dog. The Forest Department has summoned the services of Rana, the dashing German Shepherd dog at Bandipur Tiger Reserve to catch the perpetrators. Sniffer dog Rana, which has played a key role in many such operations, is expected to arrive at Belavadi.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Project Tiger) Jagat Ram, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar, DCF Forest Mobile Squad A.T. Poovaiah, Range Forest Officer (RFO) Girish, DRFO Naveen, Vijayanagar Police Inspector Balakrishna, Wildlife Wardens Jeevan Krishnappa, Poorvaj Vishwanath and Kruthika Alanahalli were present.

COVID-19: All women Oxygen Express arrives in Bengaluru

Bengaluru, May 22 (UNI)- The seventh special train carrying Oxygen arrived here today from Jamshedpur.

In a tweet, Railway Minister Piyush Goyal said that the speciality of the train was that it was manned by all-women crew.

The State Government has sought 1200 metric tons of oxygen in view of rising COVID second wave cases in the State.

Dy.CM wears PPE kit, inspects COVID

Ward and interacts with patients in Mandya

Mandya, May 22 (SSV)- The infrastructure in Government Hospitals will be upgraded by increasing the number of ICU beds and establishing oxygen generation plants throughout the district, Deputy Chief Minister and State COVID-19 Ministerial Task Force Chairman Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan said here on Thursday.

He visited the COVID Ward at Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS) by wearing a PPE kit. He also spoke to patients undergoing treatment about the facilities being provided to them and instructed the medical staff to work towards ensuring better medical care for the patients and provide a minimum of 50 internees for COVID management.

The number of COVID Care Centres (CCCs) needs to be increased by 4 times than the existing number as it has been decided not to allow home isolation in rural and urban slums. District Administration should ensure mandatory admission of infected into the CCCs, he said.

The Minister said there was a demand for increasing ICU beds in the district and this will be fulfilled at the earliest. MIMS authorities have been asked to improve the quality of care. Oxygen generation plants will be set up in Taluk Hospitals, Community Health Centres and PHCs with the objective of providing 18KL oxygen per day and MANMUL has come forward to set up an Oxygen generation plant.

Further, he said, "Home survey and testing at the doorstep needs to be focused to identify and confirm the results of symptomatic cases. For this, each Village Panchayat should be provided with a vehicle besides deploying ASHA and Anganwadi workers."

There are a few instances where RAT and RT-PCR tests show negative results even though persons have symptoms. Such cases need to be subjected to CT scan and district administration should ensure this test is done. All these tests are done free of cost in Government Hospitals, he noted.

He said that vaccine productions would be enhanced by August and expressed hope that the entire population would be vaccinated by coming December.

K.C. Narayanagowda, Minister for Youth Empowerment and Sports, C.P. Umesh, President, Mandya DCC Bank, Deputy Commissioner S. Aswathi and others were present during the Minister's visit.

Strategies in dealing with COVID-19 should be dynamic as virus is expert in mutation: PM

New Delhi, May 22 (UNI) - Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday emphasised that the methods and strategies in dealing with COVID-19 should be dynamic as the virus is expert in mutation and changing the format.

Interacting with the State and District Officials on the COVID-19 situation through video-conference, the Prime Minister remarked that 'every epidemic has taught us the importance of continuous innovation and change in our ways of dealing with epidemics.'

He emphasised that the methods and strategies in dealing with the pandemic should be dynamic as the virus is expert in mutation and changing the format.

The Prime Minister said virus mutation is concerning the youth and children. He stressed the need to boost vaccination drive.

On vaccine wastage, the Prime Minister said wastage of a single vaccine means not being able to provide the necessary security to an individual. Therefore, he urged to stop vaccine wastage.

The Prime Minister also emphasised the priority of easing the lives of citizens while saving lives. He added facilities for free ration for the poor, other essential supplies must be provided and black marketing should be stopped. The Prime Minister said these steps are also necessary to win this fight and to move forward.

During the interaction, the officials thanked the Prime Minister for his leadership in the battle against COVID-19. The officials briefed the Prime Minister about the improving COVID situation in their respective districts. They shared their experience of using technology for real-time monitoring and capacity building. They also informed about the steps taken to enhance public participation and awareness in their districts.

The Prime Minister lauded the outstanding work of the State and District officials in fighting the pandemic and said experiences and feedback from their work in the field, helped in making practical and effective policies.

Aerosols from infected person can travel in air up to 10 metres

Use of double masks, ventilation, distancing and sanitation are crucial

New Delhi, May 22 (UNI)- The Government on Thursday issued a set of guidelines to stop the spread of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) as the country reels under the second wave of the pandemic. The "easy to follow guidelines" highlight the role of masks, social distancing, sanitation and ventilation in the country's fight against the virus, according to a release issued by the office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government.

Throwing light on how well-ventilated spaces can reduce the risk of transmission from one infected person to the other, the guidelines said, "Just as smells can be diluted from the air through opening windows and doors and using exhaust systems, ventilating spaces with improved directional air flow decreases the accumulated viral land in the air, reducing the risk of transmission."

It is important to remember that those with no symptoms could also spread the virus, the guidelines said. Saliva and nasal discharge in the form of droplets and aerosols are the primary mode of transmission of the virus from an infected person, it added. To prevent this from happening, everyone should continue to wear double masks as these droplets are transmitted while exhaling, talking, speaking, singing, laughing, coughing, sneezing etc.

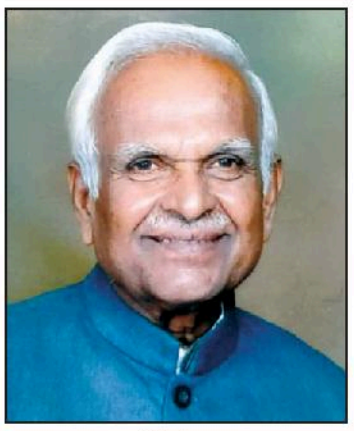
"Droplets fall within 2 meters from an infected person and aerosols can be carried in the air up to 10 meters," the Government said.

The virus infects human hosts, where it can multiply, and in the absence of the host, it cannot survive, the Government said. "Stopping the transmission of the virus from a person to another person will decrease the infection rate of the disease to a level where it can eventually die. This can be achieved only with the support and cooperation of individuals, communities, local bodies and authorities. Use of masks, ventilation, distancing and sanitation, the battle against the virus can be won," it added.

How to save ourselves in this case?

- One must always wear a mask when they are around people.
- People should wear a double layer mask or an N95 mask, which offers maximum protection.
- For double masking, wear a surgical mask, then wear another tight-fitting cloth mask over it.
- Those who do not have a surgical mask can wear two cotton masks together.
- Ideally surgical mask should be used only once, but when pairing, you can use it up to 5 times by leaving it in a dry place for 7 days after one use (ideally give it some sun exposure).
- Infection transmission risk is much lower in outdoor areas, as virus particles get quickly dispersed.
- Potential for transmission lowers if the ventilation is adequate.
- Avoid placing fans in a way that could potentially cause contaminated air to flow directly to someone else.
- Installing an exhaust fan is important. Keep exhaust fans running if the windows and doors are shut.
- In workspaces avoid ACs while keeping windows and doors shut as it traps infected air inside the room.
- Keep windows and doors ajar while the ACs are running to bring in clean air and dilute virus particles.

Former Assembly Speaker Krishna passes away



Krishna

Mysuru, May 22 (YDS&DM)- Former Assembly Speaker Krishna (80), widely known as K.R. Pete Krishna, passed away at his residence in Kuvempunagar yesterday following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Prof. Indira, daughter Manjula, son-in-law Sridhar and a host of relatives and friends.

A native of Kottamaranahalli village in Santhebachahalli Hobli of K.R. Pet taluk in Mandya district, Krishna was a three-time MLA from K.R.Pet, having got elected on a Janata Party ticket in 1985, on a Janata Dal ticket in 1994 and on a JD(S) ticket in 2004.

He served as Animal Husbandry and Sericulture Minister in S.R. Bommai cabinet in 1988 and was elected as MP from Mandya in the 1996 Lok Sabha polls.

He had served as Assembly Speaker from 2004 to 2008, when he upheld the dignity of the Speaker's office. He tasted defeat in the 2008 Assembly polls and also in 2013, contesting as an independent candidate as the JD(S) denied him a ticket. Later, he was in the Congress for a brief period, before staying away from active politics.

Krishna, who started his career as an advocate and entered politics through Janata Party as a Taluk Board member, was known for his simplicity and humility and travelled in KSRTC buses even as a Legislator.

His body was kept at his residence in Kuvempunagar yesterday. Hundreds of his followers visited his residence and paid their last respects.

Opposition Leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, District Minister S.T. Somashekar, Minister for Youth Empowerment and Sports K.C. Narayangowda, MLAs G.T. Devegowda and S.R. Mahesh were among the political leaders who paid their last respects to the departed leader.

Last rites were performed at his native village Kottamaranahalli in K.R. Pet taluk today, according to family sources.

Former Union Minister Babagouda Patil dead

Belagavi, May 22- **Babagouda Rudragouda Patil**, farmers leader and former Union Minister, died in Belagavi on Friday. He was 80. He was admitted to a private hospital when he suffered fluctuations in blood pressure a week ago, his family members said.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

He had represented the Belagavi Lok Sabha Constituency in 1998 as a BJP nominee and served as Rural Development Minister in Vajpayee's Cabinet.

Patil was at the forefront of the farmers agitation against the new Farm Laws. He took out a tractor rally to the Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi in protest against the Centre. He gave a call to farmers to defeat the BJP that had passed 'anti Farmer Laws.'

Patil became the first leader of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha to win Assembly elections from Belagavi and Dharwad rural seats in 1989. He vacated his Dharwad rural seat that was later contested and won by M.D. Nanjundaswamy, KRRS President.

He quit the BJP in early 2000 to join the JD(S). But he quit the JD(S) in 2013 and concentrated on organising farmers. He supported the Congress in the 2021 Belagavi by-polls, declaring that this was a means to send a message to the NDA Government at the Centre for its anti-farmer policies.

Renowned Photographer no more

Netra Raju

Mysuru, May 22 (RK&DM)- Renowned Press Photographer of the city Netra Raju (62) passed away here yesterday following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, a daughter, son-in-law, four brothers including Suresh Kumar Jain, General Secretary of Mysore Industries Association (MIA) and a host of relatives and friends. Netra Raju, who stayed at his farm house near Udbur gate on H.D.Kote road, complained of chest pain yesterday morning and was admitted to Jayadeva Hospital, where he passed away later in the evening.

Netra Raju, who began his career with a local daily, had served *Times of India* newspaper for several years. His photographs had earned him National and International acclaim. He had won many awards and prizes for his photography, including the prestigious Karnataka Media Academy award in 2014.

Last rites were performed at his farmland near Udbur gate on H.D. Kote road today.

Obituary

P.N. Somashekaraiah

Mysuru, May 22- P.N. Somashekaraiah (58), LIC Officer and a resident of Paduvarahalli here, passed away last night. A native of Kollegal, he leaves behind his wife, three sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held today in Mysuru.

Manjegowda

Manjegowda (59), a Lab Technician in the Chemistry Department of Mysore University and a resident of Vontikoppal here, passed away yesterday following heart attack. A native of Ankapura in Hassan district, he leaves behind his wife, a son and a host of relatives and friends.

Arokia Ashok Kumar

Arokia Ashok Kumar (40), a musician at the Police Band and a resident of A.J. Block in N.R. Mohalla, passed away yesterday morning at a private hospital in city following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his parents, wife, daughter, sister and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral was held at Belawadi Cemetery.

Alhaj Dr. Saleemulla Khan

Alhaj Dr. Saleemulla Khan (75) of Modern Dental Lab, opposite Quba Masjid in Udayagiri, passed away yesterday at a private hospital following brief illness. He leaves behind his wife, four sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at Muslim Burial Grounds yesterday.

K.T. Rajashekar

Bengaluru: K.T. Rajashekar (78), Managing Director, SRS Travels, passed away at Bengaluru yesterday morning.

He leaves behind his daughter, son-in-law and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Bengaluru yesterday. He had served as the President of Bus and Car Operators Confederation of India, New Delhi.

Woman succumbs to Black Fungus in city

Amphotericin-B can be indented online by Private Hospitals through KPME portal *https://kpme.karnataka.gov.in/*

Mysuru, May 22 (YDS&BCT)- A 55-year-old woman has become the latest victim to Black Fungus or mucormycosis. She breathed her last on May 18 at K.R. Hospital.

According to Dr. Chethan Kumar, who is the Resident Medical Officer of the State-run hospital, Mahalakshmi (name changed), a resident of the city was admitted to the hospital on May 14 after being tested COVID positive. While admitting her to the hospital, the doctors had observed that her nose had turned black and there was swelling in her eyes.

She was put under medication and her blood-sugar level was high. She was being treated at Kantharaj Ward and though medicines were administered, she did not respond to the treatment and passed away on May 18, Dr. Chethan said.

Meanwhile, giving credence to the spread of Black Fungus even in rural pockets — although not in a rapid pace like COVID — a suspected mucormycosis case has been reported from T. Narasipur where a person from Talakad who is being treated for COVID has shown signs of Black Fungus.

Confirming this to reporters, Taluk Health Officer Dr. Ravikumar told reporters that though no Black Fungus cases have been reported in T. Narasipur so far, the person from Talakad, who is in the hospital since the last 20 days, has shown signs of mucormycosis infection, he added.

Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers D.V. Sadananda Gowda yesterday said that the Centre has been proactive in preparing to fight Black Fungus. "Karnataka has been reporting the disease only in the last three days and demand for medicines has gone up. Mylan Labs is importing Amphotericin-B that is used in black fungal infection treatment, while five others are manufacturing it in India," he said.

"By May-end, we will have 1.63 lakh vials. So far, Karnataka has received 1,660 vials in batches of 600, 450, 300 and 310 vials each. We will provide more supplies on May 22 when 40,000 vials, imported by Mylan Labs, will arrive in India," he said.

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who is also in charge of medicine supplies related to COVID-19, said Amphotericin-B and other antifungal medicines can now be indented online by Private Hospitals through the KPME portal *[https://kpme.karnataka.gov.in/]*.

WORD OF THE DAY

Blithesome

Pronunciation: BLIGHTH-sum.
Meaning: With light-heartedness or unconcern : gay, merry.
Origin: Blithe had been bounding about in the language for six centuries before English speakers attached a -some to its tail to make blithesome. Poet Robert Greene appears to have been among the first to employ the extension. In his 1594 poem "A Looking Glasse for London and England" he wrote "these [large leather bottles] of the richest wine, / Make me think how blithesome we will be." The suffix -some has over the centuries produced a great number of adjectives (many less popular than they once were) but it typically does so by binding itself to a noun or a verb, as we see in irksome, awesome, fearsome, and bothersome. But blithesome came from blithe—also an adjective—and is in fact a synonym of that word. A few other -some words, such as gladsome and lonesome, were formed likewise.
Example: "The stranger had given a blithesome promise, and anchored it with oaths; but oaths and anchors equally will drag; naught else abides on fickle earth but unkept promises of joy." — Herman Melville, The Piazza Tales, 1856

THE ODD WORD

Ecchymosis

Black-and-blue spot.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A bun in the oven

Meaning: To have 'a bun in the oven' is to be pregnant. Oven = womb, baby = bun.
Origin: This phrase might have been derived as an allusion to the loose connection between 'baby' and 'bunny'. However, it's more likely that this, and other terms for pregnant, like 'up the duff' and 'in the pudding club', all share the same euphemistic source.
The phrase originated in the 20th century. The first citation one can find is in Nicholas Monsarrat's Cruel Sea, 1951:
"'I bet you left a bun in the oven, both of you,' said Bennett thickly... Lockhart explained ... the reference to pregnancy."

QUOTE BOX

Success is a lousy teacher. It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose. **—Bill Gates**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: An inside job.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Son of Adam
5 Elected rep.
8 Siberian river
12 To trust with confidence upon
13 Latin phrase for a rare bird? (4,4)
15 Major contests in sports, etc
17 The God of Islam
18 Apple's music player
19 Forty winks
21 Girl's name - "Ernie" anagram?
24 U.N. arm
27 Home
30 Loud noise
31 2010 & 2011 Ballon d'Or winner
32 Maj.'s boss
33 Charms
35 Curvy letter by the sound of it?
36 Set of moral principles
37 Aliens?
39 Prepare a manuscript for publication
41 Human groups
45 Ex-India and M.P. off spinner (6,7)
49 Least lengthy
50 Art gallery
51 Keep ___ on : keep an account of?
52 And so on, and so on
53 Irish

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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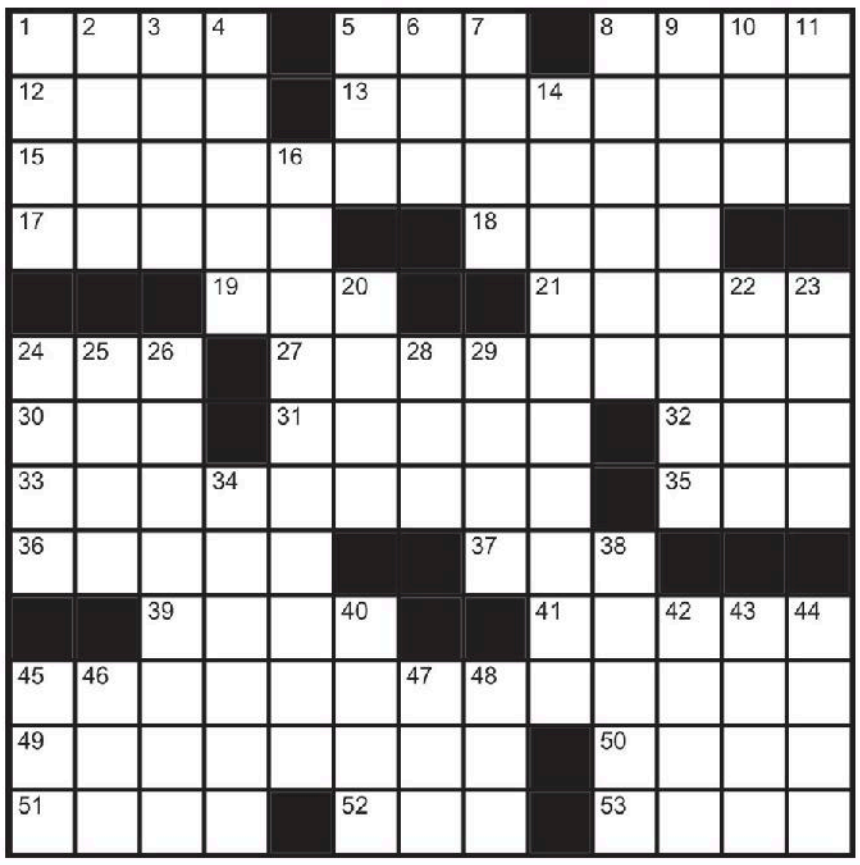
DOWN
1 Reliquary
2 Monish ___ : Nutan's son
3 Airline to Tel Aviv (2,2)
4 First series in the spectrum of hydrogen - "manly" anagram?
5 Ministry of Radio Industry
6 Indochinese language
7 "I ran" anagram for a man's pet name?
8 Paki city
9 Indication
10 Pinch or bite
11 Make an __ of oneself : behave foolishly?
14 Indoor plant
16 Chemist-shop operator
20 One end of a hammer
22 In brief, sergeants & corporals
23 Slippery fish
24 ___ fixe (an obsession)
25 Fluff on cotton seeds?
26 Hard at work (2,3,3)
28 Tenth std. exams
29 Understanding term? (1,3)
34 People on horses or motorcycles ?
38 Fry lightly in hot oil
40 Quaker "you"
42 Tea - British slang
43 ___ dirt : is humiliated?
44 Cut, snicker - "seen" anagram?
45 Alphabet trio
46 A cry of joy, it's said
47 Mumbai's terminus
48 Taiwanese cellphone manufacturer



SUDOKO

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Answer to previous puzzle

6	5	7	8	9	3	2	1	4
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4	9	2	1	6	5	3	7	8
7	6	4	3	8	9	1	2	5
3	8	5	6	2	1	7	4	9
1	2	9	5	7	4	8	6	3
9	3	6	4	1	7	5	8	2
5	4	1	2	3	8	6	9	7
2	7	8	9	5	6	4	3	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YPOI BTUBGT JUQGL NUUOTE LVT MZPO

MZVOH; VO WPSM, MZTI LU NU.

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Take time to deliberate, but when the time for action has arrived, stop thinking and go in. **[NOTE: Yesterday's clue: W equals A]**

Lockdown: Mysureans take care of food delivery boys, homeless, stray animals

BJP leader and MUDA Member K. Madesh distributing face masks and sanitisers to food delivery boys in city on Thursday.

Maa Foundation, led by its President Anitha, Secretary Prashanthi and others, distributing food packets and water bottles to shelterless people staying near K.R. Hospital.

Volunteers of KMPK Trust feeding stray dogs at Dasara Exhibition Grounds on Thursday.

Mysuru, May 22 (KS)- While most organisations, associations, individuals and others are taking care of COVID-affected patients in home isolations, senior citizens and the homeless, a few individuals and organisations are providing basic necessities such as face shields, face masks and sanitisers to food delivery boys and also feeding stray animals across the city.

BJP leader and MUDA Member K. Madesh, on Thursday, distributed face masks and shields and sanitisers to food delivery boys at V.V. Mohalla, Jayalakshmipuram and Gokulam.

Madesh said that these food delivery boys, who not only deliver food to us, also deliver food to COVID patients who are in home isolation, risking their lives.

"They have to be very careful and maintain hygiene. Most of them wear worn out masks and do not carry sanitiser with them. If they contract the virus, they are sure to spread the same among others. To prevent this, I have distributed face shields and masks and sanitisers to them," he said and added that the companies in which these delivery boys work should provide these basic things in the interest of their employees.

Maa Foundation, led by its President Anitha, Secretary Prashanthi and others, considering the difficulties of the homeless in city, distributed food packets and water bottles to them near K.R. Hospital.

City's KMPK Trust, for their love for animals, have begun feeding stray dogs in city. The Trust volunteers carrying biscuits, milk, bun and rice for dogs and bananas for monkeys went around the city feeding these animals. On Thursday and Friday, the volunteers led by MLA L. Nagendra and Trust President Vikram Iyengar, fed stray dogs at Dasara Exhibition and Kukkarahalli Lake premises.

Newspaper distribution point shifted to City Bus Stand

Mysuru, May 22- The Newspaper arrangement and central distribution, which used to take place near Dufferin Clock Tower (Chikkagadiyara) in the early morning hours daily, has now been temporarily shifted to nearby City Bus Stand (CBS), as a COVID precautionary measure.

As congestion and gathering of people was a common sight everyday near the Dufferin Clock Tower, the Mysuru District Newspaper Distributors Association had appealed Mysuru City KSRTC Divisional Controller Nagaraj seeking permission for distribution at the CBS, which is now lying vacant due to non-operation of buses owing to COVID lockdown, on a temporary basis.

As the KSRTC authorities gave nod to the appeal, the arrangement and distribution of newspapers will take place at the CBS starting from today (Saturday), according to Association President Suresh.

In the past, the newspaper arrangement and distribution used to take place at Lansdowne Building. But after the building was sealed off following the collapse of a portion in 2012, the distribution was shifted to Dufferin Clock Tower, located closeby.

But now the distribution has been temporarily shifted to the CBS as a COVID precautionary measure. Meanwhile, the MCC Commissioner has assured to identify an appropriate place for central distribution of newspapers.

Consider Newspaper Distributors as Corona Warriors: Association

Mysuru, May 22- The Mysuru District Newspaper Distributors Association has appealed the Government to consider Newspaper Distributors as Corona Warriors.

In a memorandum submitted to MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag at her office here on Friday, the Association office-bearers said that journalists have been declared as 'Corona Warriors' by the Government for the vaccination drive for people in the age group of 18 to 44 years.

Likewise, newspaper distri-butors and agents and their family members too should be considered as 'Corona Warriors' and given priority for vaccination.

Pointing out that there are many students aged above 18 years who work as newspaper distributors, they reiterated that they should be vaccinated on priority after considering them as Corona Warriors.

Association President P. Suresh, office-bearers Venkatesh Babu, Shantesh and B. Suresh were present.

Newspaper vendors demand special package

Mysuru, May 22 (SSV)- Saraswathipuram Paper Vendors Association has urged the State Government to consider them as frontline workers and announce a special package for them.

In a press release, they said that the newspaper vendors have been a part and parcel of print media and deliver newspapers to citizens, rain or shine.

However, they were feeling scared to work in the current second wave of COVID-19 which was much dangerous than the previous one. They have suffered loss due to clamping of total lockdown.

Considering all these facts, the Government must consider them as frontline workers and extend them a special package.

MCC seeks guidelines from Govt. to treat Corona-infected kids

Mysuru, May 22 (MTY&SSV)- With 8-10 children contracting Coronavirus daily in the District, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has sought guidelines from the State Government on the line of treatment for children.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag told *SOM* that everyday a few children were testing positive in RT-PCR tests. The Corporation has formed a team of 10 Paediatricians who are treating children in hospitals and also talking to home quarantined kids daily.

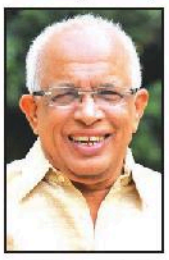
With no guidelines available for the treatment of kids, the MCC has requested the Government to ponder over this important subject as medical experts have warned of third wave of Corona which will mainly target kids.

The team was also interacting with over 150 renowned Paediatricians of United States of America and United Kingdom since they had opined that the kids have inbuilt immunity power and any fever will subside without any health complications. The condition of kids in those two countries when the pandemic was at its peak was also being studied. A clear guidelines from the Government will help to create separate ICU and oxygen beds for Corona-infected kids. However, the MCC was ready to deal with the situation, Shilpa Nag opined.

She said a separate group called Doctors Advisory Group for Paediatric COVID Care Management has been created and has held two meetings.

Kerala JD(S) MLA to be Cabinet Minister

Bengaluru, May 22 (UNI)- JD(S) MLA in Kerala, K. Krishnankutty, will be the Cabinet Minister in the Kerala Government, JD(S) leader and former Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said here on Friday.



K. Krishnankutty

"Shri K. Krishnankutty, JD-S MLA Kerala, will represent @ JanataDal_S in the Kerala state govt. cabinet," Kumaraswamy tweeted. JD(S) sources said two party MLAs won the April 6 Assembly polls in Kerala, one of whom was Krishnankutty from Chittur and the other, Mathew T. Thomas from the Thiruvalla Assembly segment.

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